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PREFACE

The high school of today is not only a teaching agency but is also an agency for enabling students to study themselves--their capacities, their interest, their needs, and the possibilities open to them educationally and vocationally--and to adopt their educational program most effectively to the purposes.¹ There is a place for everyone in this democratic America--a place in the social world, a place in the world of education, a place in the civic life, and a place in the vocational world.

Athletics serve a three-fold purpose in our educational system; they are physical, social and cultural. The large part which athletic activities play in the program is evident to the casual observer. This prominence in the program of a school makes it necessary that these activities be carefully studied and supervised. Intramural and interscholastic activities are both necessary, but it is with the latter phase that the writer is concerned. Athletics should not be an extra, but a part of the physical education program.

Athletics in general are the means whereby groups

1 Harl R. Douglass, Organization and Administration of Secondary Schools, p. 154

meet in friendly fashion, with other schools, just as nations do in dealings of commerce. But while athletics are competitive in nature, they are not war. It is important not to let rivalry and conflict develop in athletics to the point that violence flares up. Contestants must learn self-restraint, a code of honor in conflict, a willingness to concede merit to opponents and to give them a fair opportunity to show their prowess, modesty in victory, and avoidance of acts that are barbaric rather than civilized.² We must have interscholastic competition as it is the only way that we have of taking care of the student with exceptional ability.

There is a need for standardization of high school athletics. Each state has its own organization, rules, regulations, method of insurance and method of enforcement. Numerous misunderstandings occur, caused more by a lack of standard eligibility requirements, in every school, than the failure to enforce those already adopted.

Very often the press brings to our attention some conflict that is caused by lack of uniformity in regulations or enforcement. At one time 5,000 Chicago school boys went on a strike because a boy was allowed to play regardless of the fact that he had passed the age limit.

² W. E. Short, New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Handbook, p. 1

The Rochester Times Union, Rochester, New York, on November 8, 1946 carried the following article: "Of course the pendulum in the matter of high school football can swing too far in either direction. In New York state the grid game is kicked around like last years resolutions. In Texas where it is definitely big time, the Texas interscholastic league is heeding a need for de-emphasis of football in an effort to head off professionalism."

The National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations is doing an excellent job as far as it goes, but it is the belief of the author that its control should go even farther as there is still a great need for standardization of eligibility and state rules.

There is a definite need for the compiling of facts and then a reorganization of state athletic programs so that there is uniformity in regulation and control of high school interscholastic athletics.

The author wishes to express his appreciation to his many friends for their advice and helpful criticisms of this paper and also to each State Supervisor of Health and Physical Education who helped make this study possible by his cooperation in furnishing the necessary data for the study.

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CHAPTER I

THE PROBLEM AND PROCEEDURE

The National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations was founded and has progressed because there is a definite need to unify the direction, control and standards of competition. Its purposes have been far reaching but we still need further control and standardization of high school athletics.

There are varying principles because of different methods employed by different states. Each state is trying to enforce its standard eligibility requirements but still misunderstandings occur.

I. THE PROBLEM

Statement of the problem. It was the purpose of this study to determine the extent state high school athletic associations have promoted uniformity in regulations and control of high school interscholastic athletics. The sub-problems are:

1. To explore the various regulations of each state to determine its policy of eligibility
2. To determine which states sanction post-season games and state tournaments.

3. To determine the requirements of coaches and officials that are in charge of high school athletics.
4. To determine if various states protect high school athletes with insurance.
5. To formulate a practical guide that could be used as a workable plan for centralization of state interschool athletics.

Limitation of the Study. The problem is to consider only secondary interscholastic athletics for boys under the sponsorship of recognized high schools. The report will omit some phasis of three states namely, Colorado, Nevada and Wyoming as no reply was received from their state departments. All available information will be recorded and if there is no information on a given question it will be made known.

Definition of Terms.

1. High School--is a school maintaining a four year program of high school subjects or considered as grades 9--12.
2. Amateur--is one who has never used and is not using his knowledge of athletics or his athletic skill for gain and who has always contested under his own name.

II. PROCEEDURE

Sources of Data.

1. Write to each State Supervisor of Health and Physical Education and request the Athletic Handbook that regulates his state high school athletics.
2. Write the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations and request the bulletin regarding its organization and its recommendations for centralization of high school athletics.
3. Secure available material from libraries

Suggested Chapter Headings.

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| Chapter | I--The Problem and Proceedure |
| Chapter | II--Survey of Eligibility Rules |
| Chapter | III--Post Season Games and State Tournaments |
| Chapter | IV--Basic Status of Coaches and Officials |
| Chapter | V--State Athletic Protection Survey |
| Chapter | VI--Central Control and Suggested Policies |
| Chapter | VII--Summary and Conclusions |

Organization of Material.

1. Explore the various regulations of each state to determine its policy of eligibility

in interschool athletics.

- a. Study each state association bulletin
- b. Chart each state policy concerning:
 - (1) Age rule
 - (2) Post-graduates
 - (3) Number of years participation
 - (4) Amateur ruling
 - (5) Physical examinations
 - (6) Scholastic requirements
 - (7) Enrollment rule
 - (8) Attendance rule
 - (9) Residence
- c. Summarize the survey

2. Determine which states sanction post-season games and state tournaments.

- a. Study and chart each state policy concerning:
 - (1) Post-season games
 - (2) Sanctioning of state tournaments
- b. Summarize the survey

3. Determine the requirements for coaches and officials that are in charge of high school athletics.

- a. Determine the status required for coaches in various states.
- b. Determine the requirements for officials in charge of interscholastic competition in each state.
- c. Summarize the survey

4. Determine if various states protect high school athletes with insurance.

- a. Find the number of states having no insurance policy.
- b. Determine if the individual must carry his own insurance.
- c. Determine if the school or state insures the athlete.
- d. Summarize the survey

5. Formulate a practical guide that could be used as a workable plan for centralization

of state interschool athletics.

a. Determine the method of central control and the division of states.

b. Suggest policies to be adopted concerning:

- (1) Classification of schools
- (2) Eligibility rules
- (3) Coaches
- (4) Officials
- (5) Disputes
- (6) Penalties
- (7) Post-season games
- (8) Tournaments
- (9) Insurance

6. Summary and Conclusions

7. Bibliography

CHAPTER II

SURVEY OF ELIGIBILITY RULES

Although the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations has done a great deal to unify the direction of eligibility there is still a varying factor in states that should be controlled by a Central Organization. By making a study of each state bulletin and listing the various states eligibility rules we may see the need for such an organization.

ALABAMA

Age Rule: A pupil becomes ineligible on his 21st birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Such an examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must be passing 3 units of work
up to one week preceding game.

Enrollment Rule: Regularly enrolled not later than 20 days
after beginning of half of school year in
which sport occurs.

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance. Doctor's
certificate required in case of illness
that causes a lapse in attendance.

Residence: Must reside with parents or guardians and attend
nearest accredited high school. May transfer
rights if parents move to new district.

ARIZONA

Age Rule: A pupil becomes ineligible on his 20th birthday.

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 4 years or 8 semesters in
any one sport

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: No mention is made as to such a requirement.

Scholastic Requirements: Must be passing at least 15 hours
of work per week

Enrollment Rule: Must be enrolled by first day of fourth
week of semester in which event takes
place.

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance and in case
of illness causing a lapse in regular
attendance a doctor's certificate is
necessary.

Residence: Must attend the nearest accredited high school
in home district. Must attend one full year
before eligible if not in home district.

ARKANSAS

Age Rule: A pupil becomes ineligible on his 21st birthday.

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 4 years or 8 semesters in
any one sport

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: No mention is made as to such a requirement.

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and be passing 3 full
units of work per week.

Enrollment Rule: Pupil must be regularly enrolled not later
than 11th day of semester in which event
takes place.

Attendance Rule: Must be a bona fide student and in regular attendance.

Residence: Must attend nearest accredited high school in home district. Must attend one full year before eligible if not in home district.

CALIFORNIA

Age Rule: Pupil ineligible when 19 years or over as of September 1st.

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 years in any one sport

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying and passing 20 hours of work (physical education may be 5)

Enrollment Rule: Must be enrolled for 10 weeks of preceding semester to be eligible

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance. Doctor's certificate necessary in case of illness

Residence: Must attend in home district or if he moves to new district with parents he may be eligible, otherwise he must attend one semester before becoming eligible.

COLORADO

Age Rule: Pupil becomes ineligible on his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: No information

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: No information

Physical Examination: No information

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying and passing 15 hours of high school work per week.

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3. The third part is devoted to the case of a system of particles.

4. In the fourth part, we shall consider the case of a continuous medium.

5. The fifth part is devoted to the case of a system of continuous media.

6. In the sixth part, we shall consider the case of a system of particles and continuous media.

7. The seventh part is devoted to the case of a system of particles and continuous media.

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12. In the twelfth part, we shall consider the case of a system of particles and continuous media.

Enrollment Rule: No information

Attendance Rule: No information

Residence: No information

CONNECTICUT

Age Rule: Pupil becomes ineligible on 19th birthday if it is before a sports season (may finish that sport)

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: No more than 8 semesters

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur during school season

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying and passing 15 hours of work per week

Enrollment Rule: He must have been in attendance at a secondary school for at least 12 weeks preceding the time of participation

Attendance Rule: Must conform to requirements of his own school

Residence: No ruling about residence

DELAWARE

Age Rule: Pupil must be under 19 years of age. If he becomes 19 years of age while in school he may participate until the close of the day on which his 19th birthday occurs.

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Must be examined each sport season

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and be passing 3 full units of work per week

Enrollment Rule: Must be enrolled within one calendar month

Enrollment Rule: of beginning of the semester in which contest occurs, or become eligible after 40 days of attendance

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Pupil is not eligible to represent a high school for a period of 5 calendar months unless he has transferred to a new district with his parents. Moving from a junior high school to high school in the same district shall not be considered a change of schools.

FLORIDA

Age Rule: He must be under 19 years of age. If he becomes 19 during a sport he may finish that sport before being declared ineligible.

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: No more than 8 semesters

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying and passing at least 15 hours per week

Enrollment Rule: He must enroll within 2 weeks of the beginning of the semester during which the contest occurs.

Attendance Rule: He must attend at least 20 days during a semester

Residence: He must reside in his school community. If he transfers he is ineligible for one full semester

GEORGIA

Age Rule: Must not have reached the age of 19 before September 1st. If he reaches the age of 19 after this he is eligible for the rest of the current school year.

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying 4 units of work and be passing at least 3 of these units

Enrollment Rule: Must be enrolled within 15 days of the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the event takes place

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend nearest accredited high school in home district or be enrolled in a school one complete year before he is eligible

IDAHO

Age Rule: Students become ineligible to participate in any contest upon attaining their 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Eligible if they meet other eligibility rules

Number of Years Participation: 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: A student may not participate during a sport season on any out-of-school team in that sport. He must meet amateur rulings in the sport he is in.

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must be passing and carrying 15 hours of work per week

Enrollment Rule: A student must enroll not later than the 21st day of the semester in which the contest takes place

Attendance Rule: Student must be in attendance at least three-fourths of the time between enrollment and contest.

Residence: If there is an accredited high school in home district the student is eligible immediately; if he enrolls in school out of home district he must be in attendance one full semester before competing.

ILLINOIS

Age Rule: Pupil shall not have reached his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are eligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport
years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination required annually be-
fore contest

Scholastic Requirements: Pupil must be doing passing work
in at least 15 hours of high
school work per week

Enrollment Rule: Student must be enrolled not later than
the beginning of the 11th day of the
semester.

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend nearest accredited high school.
May change to another if parents move into dis-
trict. After one year of attendance in an out-
of-district school the student becomes eligible

INDIANA

Age Rule: Student becomes ineligible on 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport
years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination required annually

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and pass at least 3
full units of high school work

Enrollment Rule: Student must enter and attend within the
first 20 days of the semester in which
the competition takes place.

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend nearest accredited high school in home district. If parents move his eligibility can be changed to the nearest high school in new district. After one full year attendance he may become eligible in any high school.

IOWA

Age Rule: Pupil becomes ineligible on his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: Eligible for 8 semesters

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Must pass an examination after August 20th of current year

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and pass 3 full units of high school work

Enrollment Rule: Must enroll not later than Monday of the 4th week of semester in which he participates

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Pupil must attend high school in which parents reside or be in attendance 18 full school weeks before he is eligible in other school.

KENTUCKY

Age Rule: Student becomes ineligible on 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur. May play summer baseball

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying and passing 15 hours of work per week

Enrollment Rule: Six weeks enrollment makes student eligible

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend high school in district where parents reside. If he changes without corresponding change in parents address he is ineligible for 18 school weeks.

LOUISIANA

Age Rule: Pupil becomes ineligible on his 19th birthday. If his birthday comes during a sport season he may finish that season.

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: May play 4 years in any one sport while in high school

Amateur Ruling: No specific ruling

Physical Examination: No specific ruling

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry a minimum of 4 subjects

Enrollment Rule: Must have enrolled in school not later than the 11th day of the semester

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend in parents home district otherwise he must attend one full year before becoming eligible.

MAINE

Age Rule: Pupil becomes ineligible on his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters after entering high school

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: No mention made of examination in the handbook

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying and passing 3 full units of work per week

Enrollment Rule: In order to be eligible for football he must enroll within 3 weeks of the opening day; in order to play basketball he shall enter the week before Christmas vacation; and for baseball and track he must enter before March 1st.

Attendance Rule: No mention made as to attendance

Residence: No mention made as to residence

MARYLAND

Age Rule: Ineligible on his 19th birthday as of September 1st of the year involved

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters in high school

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: No mention made in rules

Scholastic Requirements: No special requirements

Enrollment Rule: No special ruling

Attendance Rule: No special ruling

Residence: No special ruling

MASSACHUSETTS

Age Rule: Becomes ineligible on 19th birthday if 19th birthday comes during a sport season he may finish that season

Post Graduates: Are ineligible--if he is graduated in January he may finish the school year

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: No ruling made in requirements

Physical Examination: Recommended but not required

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying and passing 14 hours of high school work per week.

Enrollment Rule: Pupil shall have been a member of some secondary school 3 months next preceding the contest

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend high school in district where parents have residence or if he attends other he must be in attendance three consecutive months before becoming eligible

MICHIGAN

Age Rule: Student must be under 20 years of age at the time of the contest

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Required annually

Scholastic Requirements: Must be passing in at least 15 hours of work per week

Enrollment Rule: Must be enrolled in high school not later than Monday of the 4th week of the semester in which he competes

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance unless for illness and then a Doctor's certificate is necessary

Residence: Must attend high school in district where parents reside or be enrolled one full semester before he is eligible to compete

MINNESOTA

Age Rule: Player is ineligible on his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters in high school only

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Required annually

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying and passing at least 15 hours of high school work per week

Enrollment Rule: He must have been enrolled in the high school not less than two weeks before the contest or from the beginning of the semester

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend high school in district where parents reside or at the end of one full semester he may be eligible in another school

MISSISSIPPI

Age Rule: No pupil allowed to participate if he reaches his 20th birthday prior to September 1st

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: No more than 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: No mention made as to requirement

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying 4 full units of work and be passing at least 3 of these units

Enrollment Rule: Must enroll not later than the beginning of the 4th week of any semester in which the contest occurs

Attendance Rule: Must be bonafide, regular student

Residence: Student may transfer from one school to another and Board will investigate his eligibility

MISSOURI

Age Rule: He shall not have reached the age of 20

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: May play 9 semesters if he has not reached the age of 20.

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur in the sport he is playing

Physical Examination: No mention made of requirement

Scholastic Requirements: No set-up requirements but it is recommended that the student be enrolled in 3 subjects which meet daily

Enrollment Rule: He must have entered school within the first 11 days of the semester in which he wishes to compete

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must enter nearest accredited high school in home district. If he transfers without a change in residence of parents he must attend one full semester before being eligible

MONTANA

Age Rule: Student becomes ineligible on 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: Must have permission to play on non-school team from principal and may not accept any trophy over the value of \$3.00

Physical Examination: No mention made as to a requirement

Scholastic Requirements: Must be passing and carrying at least 15 hours of work per week

Enrollment Rule: Must be enrolled by October 15th of current year or 11th day of the spring semester

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend high school in district where parents reside. May become eligible in another school outside of parents district if he attends one full semester. In case parents change residence he may transfer his rights to nearest high school.

NEBRASKA

Age Rule: A student becomes ineligible on his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters in high school

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur in the sport in which he is competing

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying and passing 15 hours of work per week

Enrollment Rule: Must be enrolled on or before Monday following the first two weeks of the semester in which he wishes to compete

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: No residence rule as long as he meets other eligibility rules

NEVADA

Age Rule: Student becomes ineligible on his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: No information

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying and passing 15 hours of work per week

Amateur Ruling: No information

Physical Examination: No information

Enrollment Rule: No information

Attendance Rule: No information

Residence: No information

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Age Rule: Becomes ineligible on 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters

Amateur Ruling: Ineligible if he has at any time received financial remuneration

Physical Examination: No rule governing this

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and be passing 3 full units of high school work

Enrollment Rule: No information

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend high school in district where parents reside. If he transfers for any reason other than a change of his parents residence he is ineligible for a period of one year

NEW JERSEY

Age Rule: Student shall be ineligible on his 19th birthday unless he reaches his birthday during a sport season then he may finish that season

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying and passing 15 hours of work per week

Enrollment Rule: Pupils entering and registering in school after the 1st Monday in October will not be eligible to compete for 30 days from date of entrance

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend high school in home district. If no high school in district he may choose his own but if he transfers other than with a corresponding change in parents residence he is ineligible for 20 school weeks

NEW MEXICO

Age Rule: He shall be under 20 years of age at the time of any contest

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: He must not compete more than 5 seasons in any branch of athletics

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: No requirement made

Scholastic Requirements: Must be doing passing work in at least 15 hours of his high school work per week

Enrollment Rule: Any pupil entering school after the 1st day of the 4th week of school shall not be eligible until the 21st day of actual attendance after his enrollment

Attendance Rule: Must be regular in attendance

Residence: No student shall be eligible unless his parent, or guardian, shall have established residence in the district in which the school is located. If he transfers to another school he must attend one full year before he is eligible

NEW YORK

Age Rule: A boy shall be eligible until he is 19 years of age. If he attains the age of 19 on or after September 1st he may continue to participate during that school year in all sports

Post Graduates: Are eligible if they meet all other requirements

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination is required annually

Scholastic Requirements: No set regulations set up by state but school usually requires 3 units of study

Enrollment Rule: During 1st 15 days of the semester

Attendance Rule: He must be in attendance 80% of the time

Residence Rule: Pupil must attend school in district of parents residence. In case of transfer with corresponding change in address of parents he will become eligible in 2 weeks. If parents do not change he must attend one full semester.

NORTH CAROLINA

Age Rule: A pupil becomes ineligible on his 21st birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 4 years in any one sport

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination required in the preceding 60 days

Scholastic Requirements: Normal load for each student but recommended that he carry at least 200 recitation minutes per week

Enrollment Rule: No reference made as to a certain date

Attendance Rule: Must be in attendance 60% of the most recent 90 day period

Residence: Must attend high school in district where parents have residence. In case of transfer with no change in parents address he must attend 75% of the most recent 90 day term.

NORTH DAKOTA

Age Rule: Pupil becomes ineligible on his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are eligible unless he completes 4 year high school course in less than 4 years and then he may play until he is 18 years of age

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying and passing at least 15 hours of work per week

Enrollment Rule: He must be in attendance as many days as he missed if he did not register the first day of school

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: He must attend high school in district of parents residence. If he changes without change in parents residence then he is not eligible for that remaining school year

OHIO

Age Rule: Pupil becomes ineligible on his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination required annually

Scholastic Requirements: Must be passing 15 hours of high school work per week

Enrollment Rule: Must be enrolled not later than the 1st day of the 3rd week in the semester in which he wishes to compete

Attendance Rule: Must be a regular student

Residence: Must attend high school in the district where his parents reside. If he transfers without a corresponding change in his residence he must attend one full year before being eligible

OKLAHOMA

Age Rule: Student becomes ineligible on his 21st birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 4 sport seasons

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur in sport he is playing; may play with other amateur teams

Physical Examination: Examination required annually

Scholastic Requirements: Must be passing 15 hours of high school work per week

Enrollment Rule: If student enrolls later than the first day he must be in attendance as many days as he is late in enrolling before he is eligible

Attendance Rule: He must be in attendance 80% of the time

Residence: He must attend high school in district where parents reside. If parents change address he may transfer all rights to new school. If he transfers without parents change in address he must be in attendance one full year.

OREGON

Age Rule: Pupil becomes ineligible on his 19th birthday. If his birthday falls during a sport season he may finish that season only

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport seasons

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur. May play summer baseball if he does not receive any reward

Physical Examination: Required annually

Scholastic Requirements: Must be passing 15 hours of high school work per week

Enrollment Rule: 5 weeks attendance for new students

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend high school in home district. If parents move he may transfer rights to new school. If he transfers without parents change in address he must attend one full year.

PENNSYLVANIA

Age Rule: Pupil is ineligible at the age of 19 unless he becomes 19 during a sport season then he may finish that one season

Post Graduates: There is no rule that says a post graduate may not participate if he meets the other eligibility requirements

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur. He may participate on summer baseball team if no one on the team receives remuneration.

Physical Examination: Examination required annually

Scholastic Requirements: Must be carrying and passing at least 15 hours of high school work per week

Enrollment Rule: Must enroll but no set limit on time

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance after his date of enrollment

Residence: Must attend high school in home district or if parents change residence he may transfer rights to new school in new residence district. If he transfers without parents change of address he must attend one calendar year before being eligible.

RHODE ISLAND

Age Rule: Student becomes ineligible on his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur--may play summer baseball

Physical Examination: No mention in handbook

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and pass at least 15 hours of high school work

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Enrollment Rule: Unless entering the 10th grade of secondary school work for the first time, he shall have been a member of the secondary school for 18 weeks next preceding the contests.

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend the high school in his home district. If parents move to new district he may transfer his eligibility to new high school in new district. If he transfers without change in parents address he must attend 18 school weeks to be eligible

SOUTH CAROLINA

Age Rule: Pupil becomes ineligible on 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 10 semesters or 5 seasons

Amateur Ruling: Must not compete for money or use an assumed name. May play on home teams, American Legion teams, summer baseball and sports other than school contests.

Physical Examination: Not required

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and pass at least 15 hours of work per week

Enrollment Rule: Must enroll within a week of the beginning of the current school term

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend high school in district where parents reside. If parents move he may transfer rights to new school (if in the middle of a sport season he cannot compete in that sport) If he transfers without change in address of parents he must attend new high school one calendar year before he is eligible

SOUTH DAKOTA

Age Rule: Student becomes ineligible on his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

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Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and pass at least 15 hours of high school work

Enrollment Rule: Must be enrolled by the 16th day of the current semester

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend high school in district where parents reside or attend one full year before becoming eligible in new school

TENNESSEE

Age Rule: No student is eligible if he becomes 20 years of age on or before September 1st.

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 4 years in any one sport

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur; he may play summer baseball if he does not accept pay

Physical Examination: No mention made as to requirement

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and pass 15 hours of high school work

Enrollment Rule: Must be enrolled by 20th day of semester in which he wishes to compete

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must live in residence of parents or guardian in school district. If parents move he may transfer his eligibility rights to school in the new district. If he transfers without parents he must attend one full year to become eligible

TEXAS

Age Rule: Pupil becomes ineligible on his 18th birthday if on or before May 1st.

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Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: No special ruling

Scholastic Requirements: Must be passing 3 full half-unit credit courses

Enrollment Rule: Must enroll by 1st day of the 2nd week of school or be ineligible for 30 days

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend nearest accredited high school in home district. May transfer rights to new school in a new home district. He may transfer and become eligible after one calendar year without change in parents address.

UTAH

Age Rule: No student shall be eligible to compete who has reached the age of 19 at the beginning of the semester in which the contest occurs.

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur but may play during the summer or out of season on other teams if he does not receive remuneration

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must be passing at least three-fourths of a regular load of approved high school work

Enrollment Rule: Student must enroll the 11th day of school semester. If he registers the third week, he must attend one full week before being eligible; if he enters the fourth week he shall be in attendance two full weeks; if he registers later than the fourth week, he is ineligible for the semester.

CHAPTER IV. THE HISTORY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON, FROM THE
FIRST SETTLEMENT TO THE PRESENT
TIME.

THE CITY OF BOSTON, AS IT IS
NOW CALLED, WAS FIRST
SETTLED BY A COMPANY OF
PURITANS, WHOSE
PURPOSE WAS TO
ESTABLISH A
NEW FORM OF
GOVERNMENT, AND
TO PROMOTE
THE INTERESTS
OF THE
RELIGION.

THE FIRST
SETTLEMENT WAS
MADE IN THE
YEAR 1630, BY
A COMPANY OF
PURITANS, WHO
WENT TO
BOSTON, IN
THE SHIP
ARCTIC.

THE CITY
WAS FIRST
CALLED
BOSTON, IN
HONOUR OF
BOSTON, IN
ENGLAND.

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend nearest accredited high school in district where parents reside. If parents change districts he may transfer his rights. If parents do not change address and student transfers he must attend one semester to be eligible

VIRGINIA

Age Rule: Pupil must not have reached the age of 20 years and 6 months on September 1st of current year.

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 4 years in any one sport

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and be passing at least 15 hours of high school work per week

Enrollment Rule: Must enroll not later than the 10th day of the school semester

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend high school in parents home district. If he transfers without change in parents address he shall become eligible after one semester's attendance

VERMONT

Age Rule: Pupil becomes ineligible on his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: No set ruling

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and pass 15 hours of high school work per week

Enrollment Rule: No special ruling

Attendance Rule: No special ruling

Residence: Must attend high school in home district. If he transfers without change in parent's address he must attend new high school 18 weeks before he is eligible

WASHINGTON

Age Rule: He shall be under 20 years of age at the start of the sport season in which he participates

Post Graduates: Are ineligible unless mid-year student who may participate until June if he meets other requirements

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters in a 4 year high school; 6 semesters in a 3 year high school

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and pass at least 15 hours of high school work per week

Enrollment Rule: Must enroll by October 15th the first semester and February 15th the second semester

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend high school in district of parents or guardians residence. If parents change address he may transfer all rights to school in new district otherwise he must attend one full year to become eligible

WEST VIRGINIA

Age Rule: Student becomes ineligible on his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 6 semesters in a 3 year high school, 8 semesters in a 4 year high school

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and pass 3 full units
of high school work

Enrollment Rule: Must enroll by the 11th day of the current
semester

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Must attend high school in parents home district

WISCONSIN

Age Rule: Pupil becomes ineligible on his 19th birthday

Post Graduates: Are ineligible

Number of Years Participation: 8 semesters or 4 sport
years

Amateur Ruling: Must be an amateur

Physical Examination: Examination is required

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and pass 15 hours of
high school work and it is re-
commended that student carry 20
hours per week

Enrollment Rule: Must enroll before 4th week of school in
the current semester in which he wishes
to compete

Attendance Rule: Must be in regular attendance

Residence: Boy may compete only in the high school which
is located in the district of which he is a
legal resident. If parents move he may remain
in the same school to participate

WYOMING

Age Rule: Pupil becomes ineligible on his 20th birthday

Post Graduates: No information

Number of Years Participation: 4 sport years

Amateur Ruling: No information

Physical Examination: No information

Scholastic Requirements: Must carry and be passing 15
hours of high school work per
week

Enrollment Rule: No information

Attendance Rule: No information

Residence: No information

SUMMARY OF STATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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RESIDENCE (if transfer without parent or guardian)		Number of States					Percentage of States	
	Must attend a new school 18 weeks before being eligible	3					6%	
	Must attend a new school 3 months before being eligible	2					4%	
	Must attend a new school one semester before being eligible	15					32%	
	Must attend a new school one full year before being eligible	17					36%	
	No information	11					22%	

CHAPTER III

POST-SEASON GAMES AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

Interscholastic competition should be for the benefit of the students involved. The value of such competition has been recognized and most states have made strict rules concerning the game administration. Exploitation of schools and students is one evil that must be kept under control.

Post-season games were at one time very popular. The contests were used by promoters to gain prestige for some advertising medium; usually the games were promoted by some organization not directly connected with the school. The National Federation recognized the many evils and recommended to the different State Boards that they ban organizations with no direct connection with the high schools from promoting such contests either in the name of charity or for any other purpose.¹ Twenty-seven states have already prohibited such games and the trend is for more states to join the parade soon.

National meets were found by school administrators to

1 National Federation of State High School Athletic Association Handbook, 1947, p. 17

be unnecessary and unsatisfactory. These activities did not protect the athletic interests of the school, were an exploitation of students, and were of very little educational value. On February 26, 1934, it was formally voted by the National Council to ban all national meets. Some states have even discontinued state meets as they feel that the student can derive more value from sectional competition. If a need is felt for more competition the actual playing season can be made longer. State competition is on its way out.

The following survey lists those states which permit or prohibit post-season games and also the various state championships that are determined in each state.

TABLE II

SURVEY OF STATE POLICIES CONCERNING POST-SEASON
GAMES AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

STATE	POST-SEASON GAMES		STATE TOURNAMENTS IN										
	Permits	Prohibits	Basketball	Football	6-man Football	Track and field	Golf	Tennis	Swimming	Wrestling	Baseball		
Alabama		x	x			x		x			x		
Arizona		x	x			x		x			x		
Arkansas		x	x			x	x	x			x		
California		x				x							
Colorado		x	x			x				x	x		
Connecticut	x		x			x	x	x	x				
Delaware		x											
Florida		x	x			x	x	x	x		x		

STATE	POST-SEASON GAMES		STATE TOURNAMENTS IN										
	Permits	Prohibits	Basketball	Football	6-man Football	Track and field	Golf	Tennis	Swimming	Wrestling	Baseball		
Georgia.						X	X	X	X		X		
Idaho .		X				X	X	X			X		
Illinois .		X				X	X	X	X	X	X		
Indiana .		X				X					X		
Iowa. .		X				X	X	X	X	X	X		
Kansas .		X				X	X	X	X	X	X		
Kentucky .	X					X		X	X		X		
Louisiana .	X					X		X	X		X		
Maine .	X					X	X						
Maryland .	X					X	X						
Massachusetts.	X		X			X	X						

STATE	POST-SEASON GAMES		STATE TOURNAMENTS IN										
	Permits	Prohibits	Basketball	Football	6-man Football	Track and field	Golf	Tennis	Swimming	Wrestling	Baseball		
Michigan						X	X	X	X				
Minnesota.		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mississippi	X		X			X		X			X		
Missouri		X				X	X	X	X	X			
Montana	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Nebraska		X				X	X	X	X				
Nevada.	X		X			X	X	X	X				
New Hampshire	X		X		X	X							
New Jersey.	X		X			X	X	X		X	X		
New Mexico.		X	X			X	X	X					
New York.		X	X			X	X	X			X		

STATE	POST-SEASON GAMES		STATE TOURNAMENTS IN										
	Permits	Prohibits	Basketball	Football	6-Man Football	Track and Field	Golf	Tennis	Swimming	Wrestling	Baseball		
North Carolina	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
North Dakota	X		X	X		X	X	X					
Ohio		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		
Oklahoma		X	X	X		X	X			X			
Oregon		X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X		
Pennsylvania	X		X			X	X	X	X	X			
Rhode Island	X		X			X	X	X			X		
South Carolina	X		X			X		X	X		X		
South Dakota	X		X			X	X	X					
Tennessee	X		X			X	X	X					
Texas		X	X	X		X		X					

STATE	POST-SEASON GAMES		STATE TOURNAMENTS IN										
	Permits	Prohibits	Basketball	Football	6-man Football	Track and field	Golf	Tennis	Swimming	Wrestling	Baseball		
Utah.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Vermont.	x		x			x	x	x				x	
Virginia	x								x				
Washington.		x				x							
West Virginia.		x	x	x		x						x	
Wisconsin		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	
Wyoming		x	x			x							

Summary of the Survey

Number of states prohibiting
post-season games-----27 states or 56.2%

Number of states determining state championships in:

Basketball-----	43	states	or	90%
Football-----	14	states	or	29%
Six-man Football----	4	states	or	8%
Track and Field-----	44	states	or	92%
Golf-----	29	states	or	60%
Tennis-----	34	states	or	70%
Swimming-----	18	states	or	37%
Wrestling-----	15	states	or	31%
Baseball-----	26	states	or	54%

CHAPTER IV

BASIC STATUS OF COACHES AND OFFICIALS

State policies concerning coaching and officiating vary. According to the following study one may see that most states require that their coaches be certified teachers. This is one step toward perfecting and maintaining the highest ideals of high school athletics. We wish to recognize athletics as an essential factor in the activities of the pupil and seek to direct these activities into proper and legitimate channels. Although most associations rule that a coach must be a certified teacher there is no stipulation that he must have a knowledge of coaching. A teacher may be efficient in his own specialized field but that does not necessarily mean that he is qualified to coach. All coaches should be trained in a general knowledge of all phases of coaching before they are eligible to handle a team that represents the development of youth in our high schools.

Most officials are required to be registered with a Board of Control or State Department. This is a good policy but each state has its own regulations concerning officiating. A national officiating league would be an answer; a registered referee eligible in one state should

be able to officiate in any other state. Most states abide by the rules set up by the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations. By having uniform rules and uniformity in officiating our high school athletics would be adequately taken care of as far as the actual competition goes.

The following chart lists the state and its policy concerning coaches and officials.

TABLE III

SURVEY OF BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS

STATE	COACHES			OFFICIALS (Registered)			
	Must be a certified teacher	Hired by the Board of Education	No ruling	Through State Office	School must use	Officials rated and classified	No ruling
Alabama		x		x	x	x	x
Arizona	x						x
Arkansas	x						x
California	x						x
Colorado		No information			No information		
Connecticut		x					x
Delaware	x						x
Florida	x			x	x		
Georgia	x						x

STATE	COACHES			OFFICIALS (Registered)			
	Must be a certified teacher	Hired by the Board of Education	No ruling	Through State Office	School must use	Officials rated and classified	No ruling
Idaho	X			X	X		
Illinois	X			X	X	X	
Indiana	X			X	X		
Iowa	X			X	X	X	
Kansas	X			X	X	X	
Kentucky	X			X	X	X	
Louisiana	X						X
Maine			X				X
Maryland			X				X
Massachusetts			X				X
Michigan			X	X	X	X	

STATE	COACHES			OFFICIALS (Registered)			
	Must be a certified teacher	Hired by the Board of Education	No ruling	Through State Office	School must use	Officials rated and classified	No ruling
Minnesota	x				x		x
Mississippi	x				x		
Missouri	x			x	x		x
Montana	x						
Nebraska	x			x	x		
Nevada.		No information			No information		
New Hampshire.			x				x
New Jersey.			x				x
New Mexico.	x						x
New York		x			x		
North Carolina			x				x

STATE	COACHES			OFFICIALS (Registered)			
	Must be a certified teacher	Hired by the Board of Education	No ruling	Through State Office	School must use	Officials rated and classified	No ruling
North Dakota		x			x		
Ohio	x			x	x		
Oklahoma	x			x	x	x	
Oregon			x	x	x		
Pennsylvania	x			x	x	x	
Rhode Island	x						x
South Carolina			x				x
South Dakota	x			x	x	x	
Tennessee	x			x	x		
Texas		x					x
Utah.	x			x	x	x	

STATE	COACHES			OFFICIALS (Registered)			
	Must be a certified teacher	Hired by the Board of Education	No ruling	Through State Office	School must use	Officials rated and classified	No ruling
Vermont			x				x
Virginia.	x						x
Washington	x						x
West Virginia			x				x
Wisconsin	x			x	x	x	
Wyoming		No information			No information		

Summary of the SurveyCoaches

Number of states requiring
certified teachers----31 states or 67%

Officials

Number of states requiring
use of registered officials--24 states or
53%

CHAPTER V

STATE ATHLETIC PROTECTION SURVEY

Many state associations have subsidized accident benefit plans to encourage wide-spread use of the afforded protection; a few states still have no method of protecting the pupils participating in athletics or physical education.

The main purpose of an athletic benefit plan is to assist schools, who have athletic teams participating in interscholastic athletics, to meet the costs of injuries incurred by team members injured during practice or games sponsored by the school. It is believed that an insurance program will lead to the development of a safer game for the reason that it will cause coaches and administrators to become safety minded.

A real program for safer competition lies ahead. There is no reason that we cannot have a central insurance organization that is based on a non-profit basis. Optional membership should be eliminated and we should strive for complete protection for all of school age children throughout the year at a low rate. This insurance plan could be available during the summer for the children who are en-

gaged in approved recreation carried on municipally.

Insurance should be a pre-requisite for eligibility for any boy engaged in any interscholastic competition, practice sessions, and actual competition alike. Accidents are unforeseen and unavoidable.

The following chart gives a short survey of states having insurance policies.

TABLE V

SURVEY OF STATE ATHLETIC PROTECTION

STATE	ATHLETIC PROTECTION PLAN	INDIVIDUAL POLICY	SCHOOL POLICY
Alabama			
Arizona			
Arkansas			
California	x		x
Colorado	x	x	
Connecticut	x	x	
Delaware			
Florida	x	x	x
Georgia	x	x	x
Idaho	x	x	
Illinois			
Indiana	x	x	
Iowa			

STATE	ATHLETIC PROTECTION PLAN	INDIVIDUAL POLICY	SCHOOL POLICY
Kansas	X	X	X
Kentucky	X	X	
Louisiana			
Maine	X	X	
Maryland			
Massachusetts	X	X	
Michigan	X	X	X
Minnesota	X	X	X
Mississippi	X	X	X
Missouri			
Montana	X	X	X
Nebraska	X	X	
Nevada			
New Hampshire	X	X	
New Jersey			
New Mexico			
New York	X	X	X
North Carolina			
North Dakota	X	X	
Ohio	X	X	X
Oklahoma	X	X	X
Oregon	X	X	X
Pennsylvania			

STATE	ATHLETIC PROTECTION PLAN	INDIVIDUAL POLICY	SCHOOL POLICY
Rhode Island	x	x	
South Carolina			
South Dakota			
Tennessee	x	x	
Texas	x	x	x
Utah			
Virginia			
Vermont	x	x	
Washington	x	x	x
West Virginia	x	x	x
Wisconsin	x	x	x
Wyoming			

Summary of the Survey

Number of states having
a protection plan-----29 states or 60%.

Number of states having
no protection plan-----19 states or 40%.

Definite school policy-----16 states or 33%.

Individual policies-----27 states or 56%.

CHAPTER VI

CENTRAL CONTROL AND SUGGESTED POLICIES

United group action is essential in any field of endeavor. Recognition of the value of organization has been shown by the growth of the National Federation of State High School Associations. The Federation has forty-three members as of today. North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia are the only non-member states. The member states and their date of entry are as follows:

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of Entry</u>
Alabama	1924
Arizona	1925
Arkansas	1924
California	1940
Colorado	1925
Connecticut	1926
Delaware	1945
Florida	1926
Georgia	1929
Idaho	1928
Illinois	1920
Indiana	1924
Iowa	1920
Kansas	1923
Kentucky	1941
Louisiana	1925
Maine	1939
Maryland	1946
Massachusetts	1944

1 National Federation of State High School Associations, Handbook, 1947, p. 1.

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of Entry</u>
Michigan	1920
Minnesota	1923
Mississippi	1924
Missouri	1926
Montana	1934
Nebraska	1924
Nevada	1939
New Jersey	1942
New Hampshire	1945
New Mexico	1932
New York	1926
North Dakota	1923
Ohio	1924
Oklahoma	1924
Oregon	1931
Pennsylvania	1925
South Dakota	1923
Tennessee	1927
Utah	1927
Vermont	1945
Washington	1936
West Virginia	1925
Wisconsin	1920
Wyoming	1936

The rapid growth and perfection of high school athletics is an outstanding development. Progress is based on team work. Each state has attempted and accomplished a great deal by fortifying the schools against the attempt to exploit the athletic activities for political, financial or other personal reasons. It is now time to centralize control of state high school associations.

The following guide for centralization is not a complete unit but is rather a plan for central control and suggested policies that should be adopted.

Central Control

1. The National Council shall consist of one repre-

1. representative from each state committee, elected by his State Committee. The administration of the Central Control shall be vested in the Executive Committee of seven members elected by the National Council.
2. The National Council members shall serve as the Legislative Branch and determine policies concerning regulations, rules, eligibility, and insurance. Designated committees may be appointed to work on any particular project.
3. The Judicial Branch shall consist of seven members elected by the National Council from their own membership. This branch shall handle all cases of judicial nature.
4. Each State Committee shall govern the policies of its own state but only in accordance with the laws of the National Council.
 - a. The State Committee shall consist of one member from each district elected by his particular district.
5. The State itself will be divided into districts.
 - a. The District Committee shall consist of three members from each district elected by the member schools in that district.
6. Each district will establish within itself an Athletic Council.
 - a. Each athletic council shall consist of three members from the District Committee and one or more representatives of each league in

- a. the district elected by the member schools.

A simplified diagram of Central Control may be found on page 60.

Suggested Policies

1. Classification of schools

- a. Class AA--All schools having 400 or more boys enrolled in the high school department.
- b. Class A--All schools having 210 to 399 boys enrolled in the high school department.
- c. Class B--All schools having from 110 to 209 boys enrolled in the high school department.
- d. Class C--All schools having less than 110 boys enrolled in the high school department.

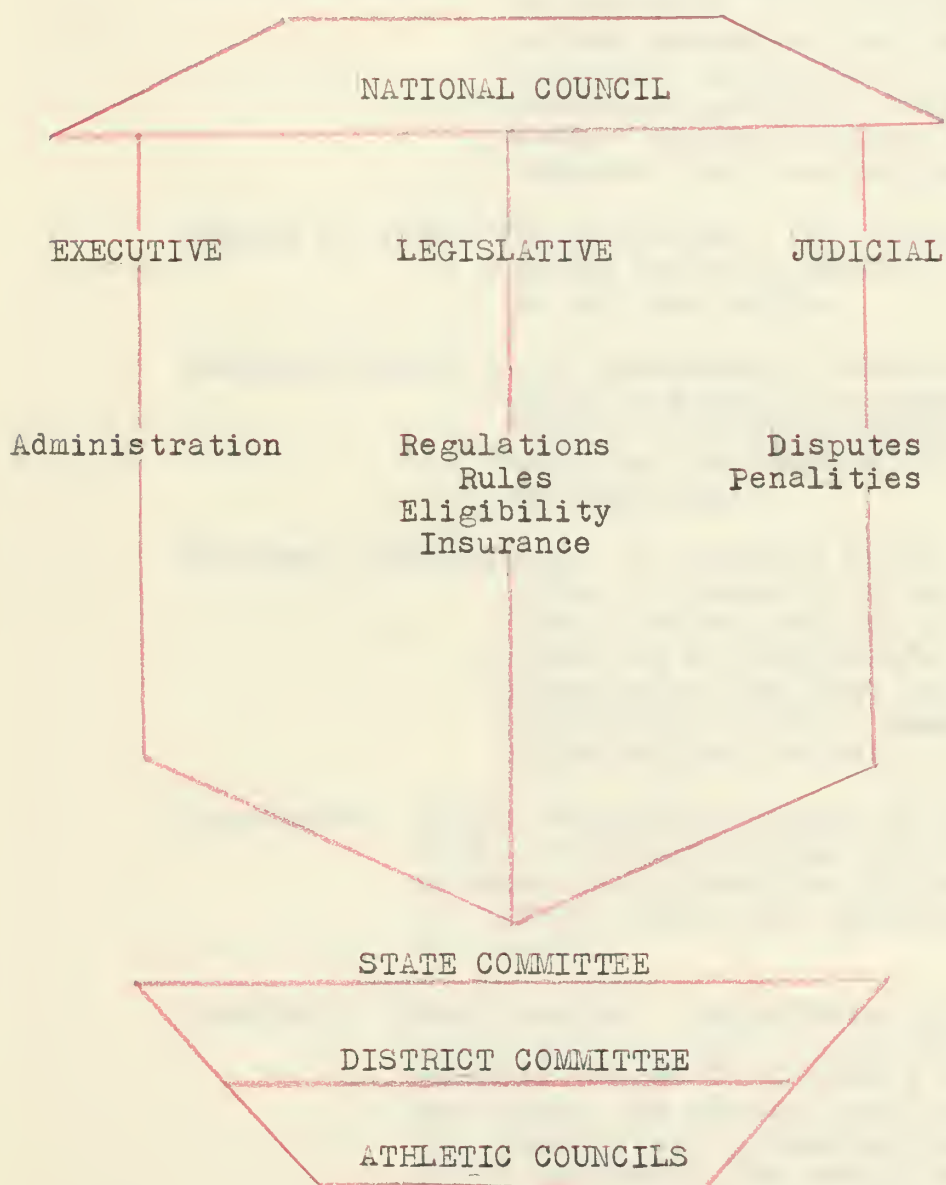
Any school has the privilege of playing in the next higher group if it so elects. However, if it elects to do so it must remain in the higher group for three years. Schools in one class shall be allowed to remain in that class for one year after the enrollment has reached that of the next classification, but must enter the higher class the following season.

2. Eligibility Rules

The committee determined by the National Council should weigh the many state policies and decide on the eligibility rules that are adaptable in all states. The following list of rules

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2. are not complicated but could be easily applied.

They should be nation-wide in scope.

Age Rule: A contestant is declared ineligible on his twentieth birthday.

Post Graduates: No student shall be eligible to participate in athletics after he has graduated, or has become eligible to graduate, from a secondary school. This shall mean a student cannot refuse a diploma for athletic purposes.

Number of Years Participation: He shall be eligible for only four (4) years in any one sport.

Amateur Ruling: All contestants must be amateurs. This rule shall be suspended from the close of school in June to the opening of school in September.

Physical Examination: No student shall be eligible to compete in any athletic contest unless such student has a physician's certificate stating that he is physically able to compete in inter-school athletic contests.

Insurance: Every boy participating in athletics shall be covered by an accidental insurance policy carried by the school or himself under the sponsorship of the school.

Scholastic Requirements: The student should be doing passing work in at least 15 periods (three full credit subjects) per week. He should have passed in the immediately preceding semester in 15 periods. The record at the end of the semester shall be final and scholastic deficiencies may not be made up in any manner.

Enrollment Rule: The boy must have enrolled not later than the 11th school day.

of the semester.

Attendance Rule: The student shall be in regular attendance at his high school. In case of illness that might cause a lapse in his regular attendance he must submit a physician's statement.

Residence: A boy shall attend the nearest accredited high school in the district where his parents or guardians have residence. If he transfers from one school to another he shall become eligible two weeks after enrolling in his new school, provided that the principals of both schools approve the transfer for educational purposes or his parents or guardians have changed residence to the new school district. Otherwise, a boy must have one complete semester of approved attendance before being eligible for interscholastic competition.

Outside Teams: No contestant may play with an outside team after the beginning of the season in that sport. This applies to all varsity, junior-varsity, or second team games. If a player does play on any outside team, he becomes ineligible in that sport until the end of that sport season.

3. Coaches Rule

Only full-time teachers regularly certified by the State Department and employed in a full-time teaching capacity by the school district in which they are employed shall coach, direct, or assist in coaching athletic teams.

4. Officials Rule

Only registered and antional approved officials shall be used to officiate interscholastic games.

Note: An official may become a national official by registering through his State office, passing a written examination, handling a specified number of games successfully and by attending clinics, meetings and similar activities. This would allow him to officiate in any state.

5. Disputes

All disputes or protests shall be submitted by either the superintendent or principal to the District Board. The case may be referred to the State Board who may go to the Judicial Branch of the National Council if necessary. The decision handed down by the National Judicial Branch shall be final.

6. Penalties

- a. Any participant that violates the amateur ruling will be declared ineligible for a period of one year. If he refrains from any professionalism for a full year he may again claim an amateur rating.
- b. Any school playing an ineligible player unknowingly in any interschool contests shall forfeit the game to the opposing school or schools.
- c. Any school that uses an ineligible player knowingly in any contest forfeits the game or games and is suspended for a period of two years.
- d. Any school that continues to use an ineligible player will be suspended for three years.
- e. If any school plays suspended teams that school shall be suspended the rest of the

e. school year and one year more.

7. Post-season Games

No post-season games or meets shall be played except State approved tournaments.

8. Tournaments

Sectional or district champions shall be determined in Class AA, A, B, and C leagues. Such games shall be legal post-season competition.

9. Insurance

The National Council will provide an insurance plan for the benefit of its members and on a non-profit basis. Every student that participates in athletics must be insured before he is eligible. Medical and dental expense indemnity for bona fide students injured in athletic games, sports, or contests, or while engaged in preparation for such games, sports, or contests, or in any other accidents which in the judgment of the Superintendent of Insurance should be included. However, dental indemnity applies only in cases of dental expense caused by injury occurring in athletic games, sports, or contests, or while engaged in preparation for such.

CHAPTER VII

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Summary

1. The need to unify the direction, control and standards of competition is felt because of the prominence of athletics in the educational program today. The varying principles employed by the different states call for reorganization and unification.
2. The survey made of state eligibility rules show that the following requirements are advocated by the greatest number of states.
 - a. Age Rule--63% of the states enforce the rule stating that a student becomes ineligible on his 19th birthday.
 - b. Post Graduates--84% of the states rule post-graduates ineligible.
 - c. Number of Years Participation--96% of the states allow only 8 semester or 4 sport years of competition for an athlete.
 - d. Amateur Ruling--79% of the states require an athlete to be an amateur.
 - e. Physical Examination--61% of the states require a physical examination before a student may participate in athletics.

- f. Scholastic Requirements--88% of the states state that a pupil must carry and be passing at least 15 hours of high school work per week.
 - g. Enrollment Rule--68% of the states require a student to enroll in his high school within the first 30 days or he is ineligible.
 - h. Attendance Rule--86% of the states require regular attendance after the date of enrollment.
 - i. Residence--If a student transfers without a corresponding change in the residence of his parents or guardians 36% of the states require one full year of attendance and 32% of the states require one semester's attendance before he is eligible.
3. 27 states prohibit the playing of post-season games.
 4. State championships are determined in various sports according to the following data:

Basketball-----	43 States
Football-----	14 States
Six-man Football-----	4 States
Track and Field-----	44 States
Golf-----	29 States
Tennis-----	34 States
Swimming-----	18 States
Wrestling-----	15 States
Baseball-----	26 States
 5. 31 of the states require a coach to be a certified teacher of the state.
 6. Registered officials are required to officiate all interscholastic games in 24 states only.
 7. There are 29 states that sponsor athletic pro-

7. Protection plans that cover the student participating in interscholastic competition. Individual policies are advocated in 27 of the 29 states which does not make it compulsory for a student to carry insurance.
8. Partial Central Control is practiced by 43 states as members of the National Federation of State High School Associations.
9. A National Control Board should regulate:
 - a. Classification of schools
 - b. Eligibility rules
 - c. Status of coaches
 - d. Registering of officials
 - e. Final decisions of disputes and penalties
 - f. Post-season games
 - g. Tournaments
 - h. Protective insurance

Conclusions

1. There is a need to promote uniformity in regulations and the control of high school interscholastic athletics by a Central Board.
2. Central Control would be for the benefit of all the students involved.
3. Central Control can be realized.

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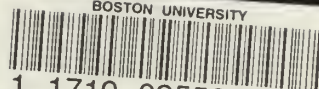
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